


# Transportation



Redmond is expanding transportation options with easy ways to commute by foot, bike, bus, car—and in 2023-2024—light rail.

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## Summary:

The Puget Sound region is growing, and so is Redmond's community. To maintain our community character and increase mobility options, the City has implemented a balanced approach to transportation that includes more street connections, roadway efficiencies such as two-way grids, and providing more choices like light rail and buses, with a heightened emphasis on walking and bicycling for shorter trips.

## Solutions:

To implement this balanced approach, the City has focused on developing partnerships within Redmond and the region. We have worked with the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide better access to freeways, coordinated with Sound Transit and King County Metro to help improve transit access and reliability and developed public-private partnerships to create better pedestrian and bicycle access to our urban centers.



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## Key Milestones:



These projects fill in the gaps and support the vision of connected communities within Redmond, of helping the City be connected to the region, and of keeping community character and values.

## Transforming Downtown & Overlake:

- Completed Phase II of the Redmond Central Connector trail and initiating Phase III in 2019 to connect Redmond to Kirkland across NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street
- Constructing multiple transportation improvements to NE 31<sup>st</sup> Street and NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street via a Community Facilities District – a public-private partnership with Microsoft
- Constructing two pedestrian bridges to connect the SR 520 trail to future light rail stations, with completion expected in 2020 and 2021
- Completed construction of SR 520 access ramps at NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street in 2019
- Partnering with the Washington State Department of Transportation to construct a new access ramp at 148<sup>th</sup> to connect directly to 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and Overlake Village (construction starts in April 2021)
- Transforming 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE into a pedestrian-oriented retail main street for Overlake Village

## Improving Neighborhood Connections:

- Completed Safe Routes to School sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements along Red-Wood Road and 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Started a pilot e-scooter share program in 2019 to provide travel alternatives
- Evaluating priorities to improve traffic flow along major north-south corridors north of Redmond Way in 2020

## Strategic Efforts to Improve Access to Transit:

- Sound Transit will open light rail stations in 2023 and 2024
- Service changes to improve Redmond-Kirkland and Redmond-South Lake Union transit connections in 2020
- Provided over 250 ORCA bus passes to new riders living or working in Redmond in 2019
- Stakeholder working group with King County Metro will recommend in 2020 to improve transit access to areas that are not well served by fixed-route bus service
- Surveyed employees in 2019 to assess progress toward Commute Trip Reduction goals

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